

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: : Group Art Unit:
 Syed B. Irfan et al. : Intellectual Property
 Serial No: : Law Department - 4054
 Filed: : International Business
 Title: DISTRIBUTING COMPUTER : Machines Corporation
 PROGRAMS TO A CUSTOMER'S : 11400 Burnet Road
 MULTIPLE CLIENT COMPUTERS : Austin, Texas 78758
 THROUGH A HYPERTEXT MARKUP :
 LANGUAGE DOCUMENT DISTRIBUTED :
 TO AND STORED ON THE :
 CUSTOMER'S NETWORK SERVER :
 COMPUTER :
 Date: December 13, 2001 :

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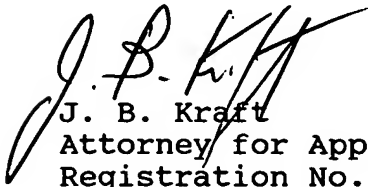
STATEMENT IN LIEU OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit that other than the background art discussed generally in the specification of this application, they are aware of no further art. Thus, this is being submitted in lieu of a statement under 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97(b).

Respectfully submitted,


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